



**Minutes of the General Board Meeting of Area E Disaster Management
Joint Powers Agreement
March 16, 2016 – NORWALK ARTS & SPORTS COMPLEX**

The General Board Meeting of the Area E Disaster Board was called to order at 8:42 am by Area E DMAC, Cullen Armet.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Artesia – Daniel Moreno
Bell Gardens – Bradley Fairfield
Bellflower – Joel Hockman
Carson – Anita Kincherlow, Ky Truong
Cerritos – Emely Merina
Commerce – Ralph Vivero
Compton – Stacy Barnes
Downey – Andrew Stevens
La Mirada – Andrew Vialpando
Lakewood – Nancy Hitt
Norwalk – Kathy Tai
Santa Fe Springs – Darryl Pedigo
South Gate – Sheri Koomen
Whittier – Rod Hill, Yolanda Martinez
LA Co. OEM – Ashu Palta
Area E – Cullen Armet, Jennifer Cerda

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bell – Lance Ferrari
Cudahy – Roger Mason
Hawaiian Gardens – Juana Hernandez
Huntington Park – Elsa Cobian
La Habra Heights – Ron Myers
Lynwood – Peter Han
Maywood – Carlos Fernandez
Montebello – Kurt Johnson
Paramount – Carlos Mendoza
Pico Rivera – Hector Hernandez
Vernon – Yesenia Barajas, Todd Paintoa

Also Present:

ARC – Chris Campbell-Jay
CSULA – Randy Styner
LACoF – Rosemary Vivero
LACoPH – Dorothy O'Brien, Shamika Ossey
LHH – Fire Watch – Norm Zezula

ROLL CALL-

Roll call was taken and self-introductions were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

City of Bell Gardens – Will conduct an active shooter training in the summer of 2016.

City of Cerritos – Conducted a mass casualty incident drill February 25. Will conduct Amateur (HAM) radio course April 30 – May 1. Will be hosting the Area E Regional Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) refresher training March 24 at Cerritos Park East. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by the Cerritos City Council.

City of Compton – Received Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant funds to send firefighters to Emergency Management Institute (EMI) Fire Academy training over the next three years.

City of Downey – Will conduct Basic CERT training March 26, April 2 and April 9. Have begun background checks for Downey Advanced CERT (ACERT) volunteers. Provided a Red Cross Shelter training for staff and CERT volunteers. Will conduct a Ride and Stride event in May using CERT volunteers.

City of La Mirada – Reported that City Emergency Operations Plans (EOP's) are no longer approved by the State. The State will continue to review, but plans should be approved by City council. Area E cities can send their city EOP's to the DMAC for review as well.

City of Lakewood – Currently conducting an active shooter training March 16 and 17. Will conduct NIMS/SEMS training later this month.

City of Norwalk – Working with staff for disaster preparedness.

City of Santa Fe Springs – Will conduct a health and safety expo and 5k run on April 16.

City of South Gate – Will conduct a Spanish CERT course in the fall of 2016.

City of Whittier – Will conduct Basic CERT training April 19-21 with LA County Fire Department.

American Red Cross – Will send statistics of Disaster Action Team (DAT) activations in Area E to DMAC.

CSULA – Hired new emergency manager, Randy Styner.

LACo Fire – Currently conducting Basic CERT training in the City of Lynwood. Will conduct Basic CERT training in the City of Huntington Park in April.

LACOPH – Planning and conducting more CPR trainings. Are conducting informational presentations for the Zika virus. Reported that there were four confirmed cases of the Zika virus in LA County. Can provide informational posters on prevention of the virus. The information is also available electronically.

LHH Fire Watch – Will be assisting the City of La Habra with a booth for a safety preparedness fair.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Member Joel Hockman moved and Member Andrew Stevens seconded that the minutes of February 17, 2016 be approved.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Commerce, Compton, Downey, La Mirada, Lakewood, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, South Gate, Whittier, and LACo OEM.

NOES:

ABSENT: Bell, Cudahy, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Habra Heights, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Paramount, Pico Rivera and Vernon.

ABSTAIN: Artesia and Bell Gardens.

COMMUNICATIONS

2. AREA E EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Chairman's Report – Chairman Andrew Vialpando

Chairman Andrew Vialpando reported that the Executive Committee discussed proposing changes to the meeting schedule of Area E General Board meetings. A copy of the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) was reviewed. The Executive Committee found that with increasing attendance of board meetings, Area E would continue to meet monthly, but may convene early on some months for workshops related to emergency management. The Executive Committee also does not anticipate going dark for the summer months of July and August. Area E Vice Chairman Stacy Barnes and Administrative Manager Jennifer Cerda will be leading the nominations and votes for the FY 2016-17 Executive Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman. Review of the FY 2016-17 budget will occur in the May Executive Committee meeting. Area E Professional Services agreements will also be reviewed for renewal.

Area E Regional CERT Report – Member Andrew Stevens

Member Andrew Stevens announced that the March 24, Basic CERT refresher training will be hosted in the City of Cerritos. In regards to CERT, LA County Fire has new forms for ordering materials and are requiring more information per training. For more information contact Marlene Bernal (323) 881-2472.

Chairman Andrew Vialpando announced that he would like to reengage the Area E Regional CERT Working Group. Area E will be focusing on maintaining quarterly CERT refresher trainings for volunteers.

Member Andrew Stevens announced that he would like to institute a credentialing program for best trained CERT volunteers.

LACo Fire representative Rosemary Vivero would like to train youth explorers in Basic CERT and to become disaster service workers.

Area E Fire Chiefs – Vice Chairman Stacy Barnes

Vice Chairman Stacy Barnes reported that Area E Fire Chiefs are developing Disaster Awareness Committees to support with materials, personnel, and presentations in Area E.

Southeast Police Chiefs – Member Sheri Koomen

Member Sheri Koomen reported that DMAC Cullen Armet was introduced to the South East Police Chiefs. Will be servicing the CICLAVIA event May 15 with a command post as people cycle through the city.

3. OPERATIONAL AREA INFORMATIONAL REPORT FOR MARCH 16, 2016

Area E DMAC, Cullen Armet reviewed the Operational Area Report and discussed its contents.

Member Andrew Vialpando moved and Member Emely Merina seconded to receive and file the March Operational Area Informational Report.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Commerce, Compton, Downey, La Mirada, Lakewood, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, South Gate, Whittier, and LACo OEM.

NOES:

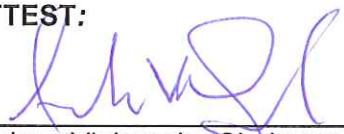
ABSENT: Bell, Cudahy, Hawaiian Gardens, Huntington Park, La Habra Heights, Lynwood, Maywood, Montebello, Paramount, Pico Rivera and Vernon.

ABSTAIN: Artesia and Bell Gardens.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the general board, Member Sheri Koomen moved and Member Rod Hill seconded that the March meeting of the Area E Joint Powers Agreement be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am.

ATTEST:



Andrew Vialpando, Chairman



Jennifer Cerda, Area E Administrative Manager

APPROVED:

April 20, 2016